

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims is the current listing of the pending claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) Guide for supporting a displaceable object, comprising:
 - a plastic guide profile having a guide surface over which displaceable objects can slide directly or via a product carrier, and
 - a support structure supporting the guide profile, characterized in that the guide profile is engaged at least at two spaced-apart positions by the support structure, at least one engaging position of which consists of a free support of the guide profile on the support structure such that the freely supporting side of the guide profile is displaceable relative to the support structure; andwherein the free support of the guide profile on the support structure is formed by a recess in the guide profile in which an engaging part of the support structure engages close-fittingly and displaceably.
2. (original) Guide as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the guide profile is coupled rigidly on one side to the support structure.
3. (previously presented) Guide as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the guide profile is provided with a three-dimensional contact surface at the position where it supports freely on the support structure.

4. (previously presented) Guide as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the support structure is provided with a three-dimensional contact surface at the position where the guide profile supports freely thereon.

5. (cancelled)

6. (currently amended) Guide as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that a free space is enclosed between the engaging part of the support structure and a part of the recess on the side remote from the engaging part, in which recess the engaging part is axially displaceable.

7. (previously presented) Guide as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that the recess with the engaging part displaceable therein is formed such that the direction of displacement of the engaging part relative to the recess is at least substantially parallel to the guide surface.

8. (currently amended) Guide as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the tight fit of the engaging part of the support structure in the recess in the guide profile leaves free a slotted space between the engaging part and the inside of the recess of a maximum of 3 mm, preferably less than 1 mm.

9. (previously presented) Guide as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the guide profile is manufactured from a high-molecular polyethylene.

10. (previously presented) Guide as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the support structure is manufactured from metal.

11. (currently amended) Guide as claimed in claim 15, characterized in that the engaging part of the support structure and the recess co-acting therewith in the guide profile are at least substantially cylindrical.

12. (previously presented) Guide as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the guide profile is provided on opposite sides with engaging positions.

13-14. (cancelled)

15. (currently amended) Assembled guide as claimed in claim 22 ~~13~~, characterized in that the plurality of profile parts are engaged by a single support structure.

16. (currently amended) Assembled guide as claimed in claim 22 ~~13~~, characterized in that the plurality of profiles forms a helical guide track.

17. (currently amended) Assembled guide as claimed in claim 22 comprising a device ~~Device~~ for conditioning products displaceable along a guide track, comprising+
~~an assembled guide as claimed in claim 13,~~
- ~~displacing~~ means for displacing the products for conditioning along the guide,
- a housing at least partially enclosing the assembled guide and the displacing means, and

- conditioning means for regulating the atmosphere in the housing.

18. (original) Device as claimed in claim 17, characterized in that the conditioning means comprise temperature-regulating means.

19. (previously presented) Device as claimed in claim 17, characterized in that the assembled guide comprises a vertically oriented, helical conveyor track with a housing placed the rearound.

20. (original) Device as claimed in claim 19, characterized in that a rotatable core is placed in the helical conveyor track.

21. (previously presented) Device as claimed in claim 17, characterized in that the displacing means comprise a driven endless conveyor track.

22. (new) Guide for supporting a displaceable object, comprising:

- a plastic guide profile having a guide surface over which displaceable objects can slide directly or via a product carrier, and

- a support structure supporting the guide profile,

characterized in that the guide profile is engaged at least at two spaced-apart positions by the support structure, at least one engaging position of which consists of a free support of the guide profile on the support structure

such that the freely supporting side of the guide profile
is displaceable relative to the support structure;
wherein a plurality of guide profiles are placed connecting
with a gap to each other; and
wherein the gap between the profiles is between 5 and 35 mm at
atmospheric temperature.